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BY OUR SERIES EDITOR.

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ODE TO A HOLLOW TOOTH.

Oh, my double-grinders,
Shame it is to view
Of front-teeth reminders,
But no ode to you!
Welcome, grinders double
In our backmost jaw,
Source of pain and trouble,
Anguish, rage, and awe!
Tired we are of chewing
Free from any ache
What the cook's been stewing—
Pudding, jelly, cake;
Swell our flushing faces,
Screw our nerves up, pray!
Till we're left no traces
Of our yesterday:
All our features smother—
Lump them into one,
Till a fellow's mother
Wouldn't know her son.
Fill our days with anguish—
Till our senses languish
Sighing for relief.
Through each nerve and sinew
Shoot the frequent pang,
Till the power that's in you
Fervently we dang!
Hark! the bell for dinner!
Bless me fondly it,
Since, as I'm a sinner,
We can't touch a bit.
Gleam, you toosey-pooseys,
Coral lips below!
What of you the use is?
I can't eat, you know!
Gleam, you toosey-pooseys,
While I sit abased,
Muttering abuses
Of the vain repast.

RULES FOR YOUNG TRADESMEN.

- Never be idle. If you have nothing to do, go through your books and turn the oughts, in your debtors' accounts, into sixes and nines. You may thus make a wet day as profitable as a fine one. If you only add a halfpenny to each of twenty-four accounts, you have done something.
- If your customer be solvent, never make up the so-called weekly book until you are compelled to do so. Remember, the older a bill, the more difficult it is to detect an over-charge.
- You must have bad debts. It is due to your family that you should not incur losses. Therefore, judiciously distribute the amount you expect to lose over the bills of those who pay, but take long credit. Society is bound to be self-supporting.
- Stand well with all the servants in the families of your customers. Those persons have much in their power. They will, if you secure their good-will, even risk the anger of their employers by fetching things from your shop instead of that to which they were sent. Money is best, but presents from your stock are always welcome, and you can often set them down in the bills.
- If a customer leaves you for one who deals on easier terms, you should take every opportunity of saying, with a compassionate expression, to other customers, that you are very sorry to believe that there were good reasons for Mr. Z—'s going to a cheaper market, and that you earnestly hope he is not in much difficulty.
- Some housekeepers preserve receipts. It is not often safe to make a second demand for a paid bill, but we cannot be too thoughtful, and it is well to ascertain from servants what are the habits of their employers in this respect.
- Always be civil, even to excess. If you observe these rules, you will soon ride when most of your late customers are walking, and then you can splash them, and have your revenge. But meantime be humble, except to your shopmen. No faculty should be lost for want of exercise; and in your behavior to them you can practise your dignity.
- If the females of your family are fond of dress, keep them out of the sight of your female customers. Especially do so, if your family dresses gracefully, and looks well. A profitable account has been often closed because a tradesman's pretty wife was seen to advantage in the same bonnet as that of an ugly customer.
- Do not haug these Rules up in your shop, but paste them inside your desk, and read them every Sunday morning, before going into your accounts.

NONSENSE.

If you should an Oxide wed
To a Cyanide, instead
Of the Citrate it admires,
Vain are all abnormal fires.

For the heart that's set upon
That Monocytoidon
Cannot readily revolt
In a Blastodermic moult!

No! Bacteria first shall quail,
And e'en methylothol fail,
Lamellation shall hold sway
Till pseudopodians melt away.

So until then let Oxide's bride
Be the blushing Cyanide;
And Hypsithoid be dumb
As the pale Chrysanthemum.

To Editors and Commentators.

It is generally supposed that there is no mention of tobacco in Shakespeare. But can any one doubt to what he is referring when he says (in one of his sonnets):—

"And keep invention in a noted weed."

Surely he must mean improvements in the manufacture of cigars.

A Likely Story, indeed!

Brown came home with a black eye. To his wife's inquiries he replied that, having asked himself a question, he received such a saucy answer that he had been obliged to resent it. His wife did not believe him, and got a new dress that week.

It is stated, that Miss Bateman is now part owner of a flourishing silk mill in New Jersey. If she had come into the property early—she might have been might have appeared on the stage. Ah, why didn't she?

THE GOOD TIMES LONG AGO.

Lovers of old were, so I am told,
Far better off than we:
If the lady were coy they force would employ
And carry away of she,
And wed her off-hand—
Yes, wed her off-hand—
Whether she would or no:
But that was in (you understand)
The Good Times Long Ago.

Debtors of yore no duns could bore
As duns bore you and me—
They discharged their notes by cutting their
throats,
Instead of by Bankruptcy—
They scattered their brains—
Yes, scattered their brains—
Whether they would or no:
But that was in (as a friend explains)
The Good Times Long Ago.

Masters as well, as I have heard tell,
Had servants worth more than ours.
If they wouldn't obey they sent them away
To hang from the topmost towers.
They throttled the knave—
Yes, throttled the knave—
Whether he would or no:
But that was in (remember, I crave,)
The Good Times Long Ago.

So, truly, if we had chanced to be
Lover, or debtor, or master,
Why, of course, 'twould exactly have suited we
By a deal, than this present, vaster!
But had we been
Poor fellows mean—
Whether we would or no,
We should not quite
Have felt delight
In the Good Times Long Ago!

PERSONAL.

After the style of the *Seventeenth Papers*,
Colonel Dodge wanted to turn Fenian. But
they said he did not look dirty enough. That
was cruel, considering the pains he takes not to
wash his face.

Senator Jones has got a new set of false teeth.
They don't fit.

Mrs. Winkles, Fifth avenue, has her knocker
tied up. Welcome, little stranger! But
the white glove might be whiter, Winkles?

Bob Dagster's new poem will be bad. Well,
praise him for not surprising anybody; sur-
prises are vulgar. But so's Bob's.

Elegant Lorimer Briggs has made tracks.
Glad he can make anything. Didn't think it in
him.

Boomy Toulie shouldn't go to the theatre
without a pocket handkerchief. They are cheap
enough at friend Shoddy's, in Broadway, who is a
good fellow and a refined-minded gentleman.

Another new piece by Vamp announced.
Where are the French detectives?

Peter Whinkson overdid his account last
week. But we hear that his grandmother has
squared things. Good old lady. Wish she were
our grandmother.

Pretty Mrs. Chikabiddy refused to be com-
forted for beautiful Mrs. Chollychowcow's di-
amonds. Wipe your eyes, dear, they are false—
the diamonds we mean.

Billy Clatworthy pled nobly in the lobster case
on Saturday, but what's the use of whistling
joke to a milestone? Yes, you, Judge Bilk.

We saw the note, Miss Jemima P—. You
dropped the ball-card very neatly, and he picked
it up very gallantly, but we saw. Don't blush.
He would be a very nice young man, if he were
not so old.

Jefferson Brick wanted \$5000 for his novel.
This was to make up for his disappointment be-
cause the last didn't sell. However, Sharp and
Koe didn't see it. We hear his wife wrote part
of it—the love business. Not from her own ex-
periences, we should say.

President Grant used cold cream after shaving.
He will not eat hard boiled eggs. He is right as
to the first, wrong as to the second. But this is
a free country, and men may do as they like.

The Signora Sallibetti blew up considerably
behind the scenes last night. Four carpenters
fainted at her language. Sam Davis didn't, but
that he was raised in Indiana, where they talk
like that.

The Plighted One.

You ask me if I love you,
And I cannot answer "Yes!"
Thee there's none I hold above you,
And my heart's in sore distress.

There are words one cannot utter,
And a "yes" is one of those;
Yet it is not that I stutter,
Or speak slightly through the nose.

I can vow that I adore you,
With my truest, fondest breath:
But the lip you've heard before, you
Will allow, can say but "Yes!"

So He Does.

The wretch who can stand in a pair of slippers
worked for him by his wife, and scold her, is a
brute, who deserves to have the gout in both
feet.

Very Vulgar Self.

"You ought not to come to our dance in
boots with nails in 'em."
"I haven't."
"Then you've had your toes cut off."

The ingenuity of our great agricultural im-
plement makers is extraordinary. One of them
has lately invented a machine for sowing wild
oats, which is expected to have an immense sale.

"Not for Josephus!" as that worthy historian
observed playfully, when some funny Jews at-
tempted to cram him with stories for his own
work.

To Free Traders.

Never attempt to run a cargo in dirty weather.
Wait till the coast is clear.

Medieval Painting on Velum.

Julia, aged 50, roined.

The French papers report the death of an
electrical child, aged ten months, at St. Urbain,
near Lyons. This interesting but inconvenient
infant was, it is stated, so endowed with elec-
tricity that nobody could enter the room where
it was without receiving constant electric shocks.
It is stated to have passed away peacefully so far
as it was concerned itself, but there is reason to
fear that the survivors who attended it must have
suffered much, for it is affirmed by the
doctors that at the instant of death luminous
effluvia proceeded from its body and continued
for several minutes after its decease. The *Medi-
cal Times and Gazette*, alluding to the case, says
that it is supposed to be quite unprecedented
in the world of science. We hope it is so,
for, however much we may regret the un-
timely end of this little prodigy, we confess
we cannot look forward without some uneasiness
to the possibility of a recurrence of babies
of this nature. Every person with any pre-
tension to amiability must be, or ought to be, fond
of children, and his must indeed be an unen-
thusiastic temperament who does not appreciate the
marvel of electricity; but a combination of
babies and batteries would, there can be no
doubt, seriously interfere with domestic
comfort. The most tender father that ever
existed would shrink from clapping his child to
his bosom if he felt that this proceeding ren-

dered him liable to a smart electric shock; and
parents who yield to none in their love for their
children and their admiration of electricity,
might be forced to fly from the former for fear
of the effects of the latter.

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